

# Patoka Lake Nature Center

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**Open Tuesday- Sunday 8:30a.m. – 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time**

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## September 2015

### ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN TIME.

\*nc ~ Nature Center

\*ar ~ archery range

\*b ~ beach

\*sh ~ shelterhouse

\*br~ boat ramp

\*cg~ campground

\*csh ~ modern campground shelter house

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30a.m. Naturalist in Motion** - Look for the naturalist and special guest as they make their way through the campground this morning. **cg**

**10a.m. Dam Tower Tour** - Meet the naturalist at the Patoka Lake Dam off Highway 545 or meet at the Nature Center to car caravan to the Dam for this morning tour. Walk along with Corps of Engineers staff as you tour the inside of the actual dam tower feature! Learn about how the water level is controlled daily and what was done to prevent more serious flooding downstream this spring. (Caravan will leave at 9:30a.m.) **nc**

**Noon - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey:** Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

**12:30p.m. Picture Scavenger Hunt** - Come to the Nature Center to get a list of items that you need to take a picture of while visiting the park. Then, head out by foot or vehicle and bring your pictures back to the Nature Center before 3p.m. once you're finished to get a prize! **nc**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Birds of Prey:** Bald Eagle and Eastern Screech Owl in backyard shelters.

**12:30p.m. Talons, Beaks, and Instincts-** What unique tools do birds of prey use to survive in the wild? How do they hunt for prey? Find out this and more in the backyard at the Nature Center with two LIVE birds of prey! **nc**

**1:30p.m. Turtle Trot-** Watch our resident eastern box turtle kick up some dust outside while she gets some much needed Vitamin D. Learn about the special abilities and adaptations that box turtles use to survive in the wild. **nc**

**3p.m. Constellations** – Understand the role of constellations in our universe and learn the shapes of some major constellations by making a constellation keychain! **nc**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> –LABOR DAY 11a.m. Fancy Fliers** – Discover the amazing life cycle of butterflies and more while making your very own butterfly to take home! **nc**

**1p.m. Phases of the Moon** – Learn about our moon and use a provided snack to help demonstrate the phases of the moon. **nc**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

## Patoka Lake Cleanup 2015

**8a.m. 1p.m.**

**At Hoosier Hills Marina (on the west end of the lake off Highway 545)**

**Registration is at 8a.m. Trash pickup will take place from 8:30a.m. –Noon.**

**Free Lunch will be provided for all volunteers from Noon -1pm. Prize drawings start at 12:45p.m. FREE LUNCH & DOOR PRIZES!!!**

Fun in the sun at Patoka leaves a lot more behind than just summer memories. It results in trash and debris buildup along the lakeshore. We need your help to restore the lake to its pristine condition for wildlife safety and people to enjoy.

*Gloves, trash bags, grapplers and bug spray will be provided. Just bring your friends, family, students, club members, scout group and wear close-toed walking shoes. For more information contact the Nature Center at (812)685-2447.*



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30a.m. Kayaking the Patoka~** Paddle along with the naturalist up river as we look for beaver, bald eagles, and other wildlife. This 2-hour adventure will start at the secluded King's Bridge ramp. Bring kayaks, life vests, binoculars, and cameras. Needing directions? Just meet the naturalists at the Nature Center and car caravan to the ramp. Caravan will leave promptly at 8:15a.m. Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5, but may also be purchased at the Patoka Lake Office from 8a.m. – 4p.m. daily. **br**

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30p.m. Turtle Trot-** Watch our resident eastern box turtle kick up some dust outside while she gets some much needed Vitamin D. Learn about the special abilities and adaptations that box turtles use to survive in the wild. **nc**

**2p.m. Food Chain Game** – Learn about the three different players in a food chain and how organisms are related to one another by the food they eat while playing a game! **nc**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nature Center will close at 1p.m. due to an offsite program with the raptors at the St. Meinrad Festival. Join us there for a special up close look at birds of prey and snakes.**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nature Center Closed**

## **Coming in October**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Woman's Wilderness Day** 9am -3pm

*At Patoka Lake Nature Center*

*Outdoor Events Exclusive to Women!*

*Archery Lessons, Kayak and Canoe Lessons,*

*Dutch Oven Cooking Demo and Lesson and*

*Wilderness Survival 101 hike.*

*\$10/person –females only 18 yrs of age and up!*



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> **Autumn Getaway Weekend**

*Halloween Camping Weekend at Modern Campground*

*Campsite Decorating, Pumpkin Carving, Kids Crafts,*

*Pet Parade and Costume Contest, & Dutch Oven*

*Cooking Competition and so much more!*

